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THE WORLD AT LARGE.

Summary of the Daily News.

WASHINGTON NOTES.

A WASHINGTON dispatch stated that great activity was being displayed by national banks in taking out additional circulation, the new bonds forming the base of the increased circulation.

The house committee on banking and currency have decided to consider three banking bills. One is to permit banks to issue circulation to the par value of their bonds; the second is to restrict the borrowing of a bank's funds by the officers without the full knowledge of the directors; and the third is for the establishment of an international bank.

A DISPATCH from Washington stated President Cleveland had said to a cabinet member that he believed it would be best for the democratic party to adopt the unequivocal declaration in favor of the present monetary standard and the retirement of greenbacks, as recommended by the secretary of the treasury, and make the keynote of the campaign "no compromise with silver," and the administration forces at the Chicago convention will work to that end.

On the authority of a gentleman who enjoys the confidence of President Cleveland, the statement was made that if congress adjourned without currency legislation along the lines suggested by the president, he would call a special session and force the issue upon the country as being the one question of paramount importance.

The Union Republican club held a meeting at Washington on the 23d to celebrate the 40th anniversary of the birth of the national party.

The Daughters of the American Revolution finished the election of officers on the 21st at Washington. Mrs. Mattie A. Howm is Kansas representative; Mrs. Ethel B. Allen, Missouri's; Mrs. C. M. Barnes, Oklahoma's; and Mrs. Walter A. Duncan, Indian territory's.

In a raid on the night of the 21st on a saloon at Jackson City, a notorious gambling resort across the river from Washington, a deputy sheriff was killed and three others badly wounded.

PRESIDENT CLEVELAND, in denying a pardon to E. M. O. Holsten, convicted in Oregon of forgery in a pension case, said that he was decidedly in favor of strict punishment in cases which involved the "swindling of the poor and needy veteran."

THE Daughters of the American Revolution, in convention at Washington, unanimously elected Mrs. Stevenson, wife of the vice president, as president-general.

SECRETARY OLNEY on the 20th received a cablegram from the United States ambassador at Paris stating that the president of the French republic had signed the paper for ex-Consul Waller's release.

SECRETARY CARLISLE has refused to interfere in behalf of the re-election of Senator Blackburn from Kentucky.

GENERAL NEWS.

Another calamity has visited Johannesburg, Transvaal republic, since the disastrous dynamite explosion, a fire causing damage to the amount of \$375,000 to dry goods and other stores.

A big meeting of Irish sympathizers met at New York recently and passed resolutions demanding that the British government release the Irish political prisoners now confined in British jails and calling upon the United States government to take measures to procure the release of those of them who are American citizens.

IVAN N. WALKER, commander-in-chief of the G. A. R., has sent to Adj. Gen. Robbins at Indianapolis, Ind., his proclamation calling the annual encampment at St. Paul in the first week of September. Gen. Walker said there was strong opposition to the project to hold a "Blue and Gray" parade in New York city July 4.

JAMES PATSON, an inmate of the Union county, Ia., poorhouse, confessed to two murders on his deathbed. He said he killed the chief of police of Oklahoma City about four years ago, and a man in Yankton, S. D., some years since.

THE National Reform Press association adjourned at Dallas, Tex., on the 24th. Nashville, Tenn., was selected for the next meeting in May, 1897. It was voted to establish in St. Louis a populist central news bureau, after the style of the Associated press.

REN KNOWS, who has traveled all over the country with circuses posing as the California giant, was murdered at Winchester, O., by being struck on the head by a companion with whom he was drinking.

THE entire outfit of the Mitchell Mail, at Mitchell, S. D., was taken into the street and burned by business men of that city on account of the paper making libelous attacks on prominent people. The proprietor had previously agreed to sell out for a certain sum and leave the town, but withdrew his offer. The business men had raised the money and were looking for the newspaper man to tender him the money and suggest that he move elsewhere.

It was announced at New York that a general strike of lithographers would begin on the 24th both in this country and Canada, a dozen cities being affected.

THE Confederate museum was opened in the Davis mansion at Richmond, Va., on the 23d.

A DISPATCH from Havana on the 19th said that Gen. Linares had defeated Gen. Maceo on the heights of Porvenir, 15 miles from Havana, killing 15 insurgents and wounding numerous others. Later Gen. Linares caught the insurgents in a defile and the latter had six killed and 47 wounded.

THE clearing house returns for the week ended February 21 for the following cities were: New York, \$669,053,581; Chicago, \$84,574,933; St. Louis, \$27,469,535; Kansas City, \$9,933,574; St. Joseph, \$1,139,114; Topeka, \$653,704; Wichita, \$419,480; Omaha, \$3,954,400.

BALLINGTON BOOTH, commander of the Salvation army in America, has disappeared from New York with his wife, Maud Booth. Herbert Booth, brother of Ballington Booth and commander of the army of Canada, will take charge of the forces in America. He offered a reward on the 21st to any one who would tell him where Ballington was. The army was stirred to great excitement. Ballington Booth was accused of insubordination by Herbert Booth at a recent court of inquiry and under his authority Herbert dismissed his brother Ballington from office.

A DISPATCH from Buffalo, N. Y., stated that on the Lehigh Valley road an engine which had been sent out to follow up a snow plow and assist in the work of keeping the track clear, came into collision with another engine and caboose on a similar mission and William H. Davis and Henry Kearns were killed. They were Lehigh brakemen on board the first engine. The crew of the second engine jumped in time to escape.

SHORTLY after the high school was called to order at Muscatine, Ia., on the 20th fire was discovered on the roof and the building was destroyed. The children were marched out in good order and none got injured. Loss, \$25,000; insurance, \$15,000.

THE railroads have acceded to the demands of the G. A. R. on rates to the national encampment, and the 1896 meeting will be held at St. Paul, Minn.

THE Mississippi house of representatives on the 19th passed a resolution with only one dissenting vote indorsing the free coinage of gold and silver at the ratio of sixteen to one, independently of the action of other countries.

CHICAGO experienced the coldest weather of the season on the 20th, the thermometer indicating 14 below zero. Michael Hughes was frozen to death while on his way to work and John Bradley was overcome by the cold and fell into the river.

TWENTY miles north of Perry, Ok., a few nights ago whitecaps left a miniature coffin on the doorsteps of L. A. Irwin. On the coffin was inscribed the words: "Whitecaps 177." Inside the coffin was three feet of rope. It was thought it was left there to scare Irwin out of the county.

AN explosion of dynamite occurred at Viendendorp, in the Transvaal republic, and the havoc wrought was fearful. The dynamite which caused the catastrophe filled eight trucks, which were being shunted. Every house within a radius of half a mile of the explosion was razed to the ground. Forty dead, nearly all terribly mutilated, were taken from the ruins, but the work of searching the debris had scarcely begun. Two hundred of the most severely injured were admitted to the hospital, where several died.

THE German steamer Kantzler, from Hamburg for Delagoa bay, was aground at Ismailia on the 20th and 25 steamers awaited her release that they might proceed through the Suez canal.

THE nine-year-old son of Fleming Marshall, of Greene county, Ind., committed suicide with arsenic because his father whipped him.

THE body of the late Theodore Runyon, ambassador to Germany, was on board the steamer Havel, which arrived at New York on the 21st. The remains were conveyed to Newark, where they will lie in state in St. Paul's Methodist Episcopal church until the funeral.

WHILE temporarily insane, Mrs. Ethel Kelso, at New York on the 20th, killed her two children, Etzel, aged 4, and George, aged 2, and then attempted suicide. She was removed to Bellevue hospital a prisoner.

At a meeting of the United German makers of America on the 19th, the cutters and trimmers of Chicago declared a general strike, excluding about ten clothiers only against whom there is no grievance. About 800 men left and it was estimated that 25,000 people would be affected by the strike.

A gold fever was reported at Perry, Ok., caused by an alleged find of the yellow metal near that place.

AN explosion took place in the Osage Coal & Mining Co.'s shaft No. 5 at Krebs, I. T., in which five men were severely burned. The accident was caused by one of the miners disobeying orders and going into a room filled with gas with an open lamp, after having been told not to go in.

A SUMMER current in Buffalo, N. Y., that 13 fishermen had lost their lives out on the lake during a recent storm.

THE Whitney presidential campaign managers for the states of Mississippi, Arkansas, Louisiana and Alabama opened headquarters at the Grand hotel, New Orleans, on the 20th.

A CARBOUR on the Erie railroad tracks at Jersey City, N. J., on the 20th collided with a street horse car. There were about six passengers in the car, all of whom were more or less injured, one probably fatally.

A GANG of men who had been beating together at Livingston, Mont., went on a spree and during their orgies John Burns struck Daniel O'Connell on the head with the flat side of an ax. O'Connell died soon afterwards.

THE state of Mississippi has begun its annual distribution of pensions to old confederates and their widows. The sum of \$22 is paid to each old soldier annually.

At a masked ball at San Taren, Lisbon, broke out and spread with great rapidity and a terrible panic ensued. Many of the revelers jumped from the windows, the exits being jammed, and were seriously injured; others were caught in the flames before they could make their way out. Thirty-four bodies were afterward recovered.

A PRIVATE cable from London to Venezuela reported on what was considered good authority, though unofficial, that England had decided to accept the boundary between British Guiana and Venezuela which may be fixed by the United States commission.

JAMES SARRAN and Pearl Kimma were found dead near the railroad in the vicinity of Keystone, W. Va., on the 24th where a general fight occurred the previous night among 200 miners.

THE clergymen of Toronto, Ont., on the 24th discussed a scheme to induce Armenians to take homes in the Canadian northwest. It was understood the government would make a grant of land and this would be further supplemented by a subscription fund.

Two children were fatally and two others seriously burned in a fire in Canton, Md., on the 24th through the explosion of a coal oil lamp.

A CABLEGRAM from London to New York on the 24th said that if Robert Fitzsimmons, the new champion pugilist of the world, and James J. Corbett, the former title champion, could be prevailed upon to stop talking at each other and come down to solid business, a fighting place and suitable purse could be promptly arranged for them there before a good club in England.

ROBERT DOLAN, a waiter in a restaurant at Spokane, Wash., shot J. M. Snyder, his employer, because he remonstrated with him about being intoxicated. Dolan then inflicted a scalp wound upon himself and fled, but was afterwards captured and jailed.

A LAKE SHORE freight train broke in two 12 miles east of Waterloo, Ind., and the two sections collided. Ten cars of coal oil ignited and the flames spread rapidly, doing great damage to surrounding property.

SEVEN people were asphyxiated, one fatally hurt by jumping from a window, and five others were more or less injured by a fire in the residence of James R. Armiger, a prominent jeweler at Baltimore, Md., on the 23d. The fire started from an overheated furnace flue in the cellar.

A REVIVAL meeting at McColloch church, near Portsmouth, O., ended in a bloody encounter and the interior of the church being wrecked, the row being started by one Pyles bringing charges against Crabtree.

COMMANDER BALLINGTON BOOTH, of the Salvation army, announced at New York on the 23d to the members of his staff that he had decided not to relinquish command of the army in the United States and that under no circumstances would he take orders from England. This was taken to mean that he will reorganize the army in this country on an independent basis.

THE fifth annual convention of the National Reform Press association convened at Dallas, Tex., on the 22d, 15 states being represented. Resolutions indorsing the Omaha platform and declaring against the invasion of America by the pauper labor of Europe were adopted. Paul Vandervoort, of Nebraska, was elected president, and J. A. Parker, of Kentucky, corresponding secretary.

EX-CONGRESSMAN MICHAEL D. HARTZ committed suicide by shooting himself at Fostoria, O., on the 23d.

"BILL NYE," the noted humorist, died at his home near Asheville, N. C., on the 23d of paralysis, aged 46.

EX-GOV. FLOWER inaugurated a boom for Chauncey Depew as a presidential candidate at a dinner in New York on the 23d.

THE cotton mills of the Swift Creek Manufacturing Co., near Petersburg, Va., were destroyed by fire, causing a loss of \$100,000 and throwing 200 people out of employment.

A FIRE occurred at the Pratt sanitarium at Chicago and 12 bed-ridden patients had to be taken out of windows and down ladders by firemen. The flames were subdued without serious loss.

THE democrats of Boston gave a Washington banquet on the 23d and Mayor Josiah Quincy presented the name of Secretary Olney as the candidate of New England for presidential honors at the hands of the democracy of the United States.

THE executive assembly of the grand council of the Knights of Pythias met at Cincinnati recently and resolved to abandon Minneapolis this year and to hold the biennial convention of the supreme lodge at Cleveland on August 25. It was also decided to hold no encampment of the uniform rank this year on account of the railroads refusing to make satisfactory rates.

NEAR Lexington, Ky., John and Richard Steele were killed by a Chesapeake & Ohio train while trying to cross the track.

THE Union depot at Providence, R. I., was burned on the 21st. Office employees and several firemen had narrow escapes. The loss is \$200,000.

THE failures for the week ended February 22 (Sun's report) were 280 in the United States, against 302 last year, and 60 in Canada, against 35 last year.

THE London Times had a dispatch that during the recent storms on the Black sea seven steamers and 18 sailing vessels foundered and a hundred lives were lost.

PETER MAHER was knocked out by Bob Fitzsimmons on the 21st in Mexico, opposite Langtry, Tex., in the first round, after one minute and thirty-five seconds of actual fighting. Fitz landed a lightning right-hand swing on the jaw, and it was over. In his eagerness to get at Fitzsimmons, Maher committed a palpable foul during a clinch, and was warned by Referee Siler that his repetition would cost him the fight.

Fitzsimmons is now the champion of the world and declared, through Julian, his willingness to defend the championship against any and all comers.

A MAN who gave his name as J. Smith was arrested at Des Moines, Ia., while in charge of two trucks, shipped from Council Bluffs, containing two dead bodies, one a man and the other a woman. The bodies were stolen from cemeteries at Council Bluffs and consigned to a medical college in Des Moines.

FIVE men were seriously injured, two perhaps fatally, by a boiler explosion while dredging on the world's fair grounds, Chicago.

A BENIGN dispatch of the 21st said that severe shocks of earthquake were felt at South Baden, but no serious damage was done.

FOR CHRIST.

Latest Discourse from Rev. T. De Witt Talmage.

The People Are Gathering Around Christ for His Pardon—The World Can Offer No Help—Looking to the Saviour.

The text for the latest sermon preached by Dr. Talmage at Washington was from Genesis, xlii:10: "Unto Him shall the gathering of the people be." Following is the sermon:

Through a supernatural lens, or what I might call a prophescope, dying Jacob looks down through the corridors of the centuries until he sees Christ the center of all popular attraction and the greatest being of all the world, so everywhere acknowledged. It was not always so. The world tried hard to put Him down and put Him out. In the year 1200, while excavating for antiquities 53 miles north of Rome, a copper plate tablet was found containing the death warrant of the Lord Jesus Christ, reading in this wise:

"In the year 17 of the empire of Tiberius Caesar, and on the 25th of March, I, Pontius Pilate, governor of the Province, condemn Jesus of Nazareth to die between two thieves, Quintus Cornelius to lead him forth to the execution."

The death warrant was signed by several names. First, by Daniel, rabbi Pharisee; secondly, by Johannes, rabbi; thirdly, by Raphael; fourthly, by Capet, a private citizen. The capital punishment was executed according to law. The name of the thief crucified on the right hand side of Christ was Dismas; the name of the thief crucified on the left hand side of Christ was Gestus. Pontius Pilate, describing the tragedy, says the whole world lighted candles from noon until night. Thirty-three years of maltreatment. They ascribe His birth to bastardy and His death to execution. A wall of the city, built about those times and recently exposed by archaeologists, shows a caricature of Jesus Christ, evidencing the contempt in which He was held by many in His day—that caricature on the wall representing a cross and a donkey nailed to it, and under it the inscription: "This is Jesus Christ whom the people worship."

But I rejoice that that day is gone by. Our Christ is coming out from under the world's abuse. The most popular name on earth to-day is the name of Christ. Where He had one friend Christ has a thousand friends. The scoffers have become the worshippers. Of the 20 most celebrated infidels in Great Britain on our day, 16 have come back to Christ, trying to undo the blaspheinous mischief of their lives—16 out of the 20. Every man who writes a letter or signs a document, wittingly or unwittingly, honors Jesus Christ. We date everything as B. C., or A. D.—B. C., before Christ; A. D., Anno Domini, in the year of our Lord. All the ages of history on the pivot of the upright beam of the Cross of the Son of God, B. C., A. D. I do not care what you call Him—whether Conqueror, or King, or Morning Star, or Friend, or take the name used in the verse from which I take my text, and call Him Shiloh, which means His Son, or the Translocator, or the Peace-maker, Shiloh. I only want to tell you that "unto Him shall the gathering of the people be."

In the first place, the people are gathered around Christ for pardon. No sensible man or healthfully ambitious man is satisfied with his past life. A fool may think he is all right. A sensible man knows he is not. I do not care who the thoughtful man is, the review of his lifetime behavior before God and man gives to him no especial satisfaction. "Oh," he says, "there have been so many things I have done I ought not to have done; there have been so many things I have said I ought never to have said; there have been so many things I have written I ought never to have written; there have been so many things I have thought I ought never to have thought. I must somehow get things readjusted. I must somehow have the past reconstructed; there are days and months and years which cry out against me in horrible vociferation." Ah! my brother, Christ adjusts the past by obliterating it. He does not erase the record of our misdoing with a dash of ink from a register's pen, but lifting His right hand, red at the palms, He puts it against His bleeding brow, and then against his pierced side, and with the crimson accumulation of all those wounds He rubs out the accusatory chapter. He blots out our iniquities. Oh! never be anxious about the future; better be anxious about the past. I put it not at the end of my sermon; I put it at the front: Mercy and pardon through Shiloh, the sin-pardoning Christ. "Unto Him shall the gathering of the people be."

But, I remark again, the people will gather around Christ as sympathizers. Oh! we all want sympathy. I hear people talk as though they were independent of it. None of us could live without sympathy. When parts of our family are away, how lonely the house seems until they all get home! But, alas! for those who never come home. Sometimes it seems as if it must be impossible. What will their feet never again come over the threshold? Will they never again sit with us at the table? Will they never again kneel with us at family prayer? Shall we never again look into their sunny faces? Shall we never again on earth take counsel with them for our work? Alas! me, who can stand under these griefs? Oh, Christ, Thou canst do more for a bereft soul than any one else. It is He who stands beside us to tell of the resurrection. It is He that came to bid peace. It is He that comes to us and breathes into us the spirit of submission until we can look up from the wreck and ruin of our brightest expectations and say: "Father, not my will, but Thine be done." Oh, ye who are bereft, ye

anguish-bitten, come into this refuge. The roll of those who came for relief to Christ is larger and larger. Unto this Shiloh of omnipotent sympathy the gathering of the people shall be. Oh, that Christ would stand by all these empty cradles, and all these desolated homesteads and all these broken hearts, and persuade us it is well.

The world cannot offer you any help at such a time. Suppose the world comes and offers you money. You would rather live on a crust in a cellar and have your departed loved ones with you, than live in palatial surroundings and they away. Suppose the world offers you its honors to console you. What is the presidency to Abraham Lincoln when little Willie lies dead in the white house? Perhaps the world comes and says: "Time will cure it all." Ah, there are griefs that have raged on for 39 years and are raging yet. And yet hundreds have been comforted, thousands have been comforted, millions have been comforted, and Christ had done the work. Oh, what you want is sympathy. The world's heart of sympathy beats very irregularly. Plenty of sympathy when we do not want it, and often when we are in appalling need of it, no sympathy. There are multitudes of people dying for sympathy—sympathy in their work, sympathy in their fatigues, sympathy in their bereavement, sympathy in their financial losses, sympathy in their physical ailments, in their spiritual anxieties, sympathy in the time of declining years—wide, deep, high, everlasting, almighty sympathy. We must have it, and Christ gives it. That is the cord with which He is going to draw all nations to Him.

At the story of punishment a man's eye flashes and his teeth set and his fist clinches, and he prepares to do battle, even though it be against the heavens; yet what heart so hard but it will succumb to the story of compassion! Even a man's sympathy is pleasant and helpful. When we have been in some hour of weakness, to have a brawny man stand beside us and promise to see us through, what courage it gives to our heart and what strength it gives to our arm. Still mightier is a woman's sympathy. Let him tell the story who, when all the world was against him, came home and found in that home a wife who could write on the top of the empty flour barrel: "The Lord will provide;" or write on the door of the empty wardrobe: "Consider the lilies of the field; if God so clothed the grass of the field, will He not clothe us and ours?" Or let that young man tell the story who has gone the whole round of dissipation. The shadow of the penitentiary is upon him, and even his father says: "Be off! never come home again!" The young man finds still his mother's arm outstretched for him, and how she will stand at the wicket of the prison to whisper consolation, or get down on her knees before the governor, begging for pardon, hoping on for her wayward boy after all others are hopeless. Or let her tell the story who, under villainous allurements and impatient of parental restraint, has wandered off from a home of which she was the idol into the murky and thunderous midnight of abandonment, away from God, and further away, until some time she is tossed on the beach of that early home a mere splinter of a wreck. Who will pity her now? Who will gather these dishonest looks into her lap? Who will wash off the blood from the gashed forehead? Who will tell her of that Christ who came to save the lost? Who will put that weary head upon the clean white pillow and watch by day and watch by night until the hoarse voice of the sufferer becomes the whisper, and the whisper becomes only a faint motion of the lips, and the faint motion of the lips is exchanged for a silent look, and the feet are still, and the weary eyes are still, and the frenzied heart is still, and all is still? Who will have compassion on her when no others have compassion? Mother! Mother!

Oh! there is something beautiful in sympathy—in manly sympathy, wisely sympathy, motherly sympathy, yea in neighborly sympathy. Why was it that a city was aroused when a little child was kidnapped from one of the streets? Why were whole columns of the newspapers filled with the story of the little child? It was because we are all one in sympathy, and every parent said: "How if it had been my Lizzie? how if it had been my Mary? how if it had been my Maud? how if it had been my child? how if there had been one unoccupied pillow in our trundle-bed to-night? how if my little one—bone of my bone and flesh of my flesh—were to-night carried captive into some den of vagabonds, never to come back to me? how if it had been my sorrow-looking out of the window, watching and waiting—that sorrow worse than death?" Then when they found her why did we declare the news all through the households, and everybody that knew how to pray said, "Thank God!" Because we are all one, bound by one great golden chain of sympathy. Oh! yes, but I have to tell you that if you will aggregate all neighborly, manly, wisely, motherly sympathy, it will be found only a poor starving thing compared with the sympathy of our great Shiloh, who has held in His lap the sorrow of the ages, and is ready to nurse on His holy heart the woes of all who will come to Him. Oh! what a God, what a Saviour we have!

But in larger vision see the nations in some kinds of trouble ever since the world was derailed and hurled down the embankments. The demon of sin came to this world, but other demons have gone through other worlds. The demon of conflagration, the demon of volcanic disturbance, the demon of destruction.

La Place says he saw one world in the Northern hemisphere sixteen months burning. Tycho Brahe said he saw another world burning. A French astronomer says that in 300 years 1,500 worlds have disappeared. I do not see why infidels find it so hard to believe that two worlds stopped in

Joshua's time, when the astronomers tell us that 1,500 worlds have stopped. Even the moon is a world in ruins. Stellar, lunar, solar catastrophes innumerable. But it seems as if the most sorrows have been reserved for our world. By one loss of the world at Ticuboro, of 13,000 inhabitants only 26 people escaped. By one shake of the world at Lisbon in five minutes 50,000 perished, and 200,000 before the earth stopped rocking. A mountain falls in Switzerland, burying the village of Goldau. A mountain falls in Italy in the night, when 2,000 people are asleep, and they never arise. By a convulsion of the earth Japan broken off from China. By convulsion of the earth the Caribbean islands broken off from America. Three islands near the mouth of the Ganges, with 34,000 inhabitants—a great surge of the sea breaks over them and 214,000 perish that day. Alas, alas, for our poor world.

Oh! there is trouble marked on the rocks, on the sky, on the sea, on the flora and the fauna. Astronomical trouble, geological trouble, oceanic trouble, political trouble, domestic trouble, and standing in the presence of all those stupendous devastations, I ask if I am not right in saying that the great want of this age and all ages is divine sympathy and omnipotent comfort, and they are found not in the Brahms of the Hindoo, or the Allah of the Mohammedan, but in the Christ unto whom shall the gathering of the people be. Other worlds may fall, but this Morning Star will never be blotted from the heavens. The earth may quake, but this Rock of Ages will never be shaken from its foundations. The same Christ who fed the 5,000 will feed all the world's hunger. The same Christ who cured Bartimeus will illumine all blindness. The same Christ who made the dumb speak will put on every tongue a hosanna. The same Christ who awoke Lazarus from the sarcophagus will yet rally all the pious dead in glorious resurrection. "I know that my Redeemer liveth," and that "to Him shall the gathering of the people be." Ah! my friends, when Christ starts thoroughly and quickly to lift this miserable wreck of a sunken world, it will not take Him long to lift it.

I have thought that this particular age in which we live may be given up to discoveries and inventions by which through quick and instantaneous communication all cities and all communities and all lands will be brought together, and then in another period, perhaps, these inventions which have been used for worldly purposes will be brought out for gospel invitation, and some great prophet of the Lord will come and snatch the mysterious, sublime and miraculous telephone from the hands of commerce, and all lands and kingdoms connected by a wondrous wire, this prophet of the Lord may, through telephonic communication, in an instant announce to all nations pardon and sympathy and life through Jesus Christ, and then, putting the wondrous tube to the ear of the Lord's prophet, and response shall come back: "I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only begotten Son." You and I may not live to see the day. I think those of us who are over 40 years of age can scarcely expect to see the day. I expect before that time our bodies will be found asleep in the hammocks of the old Gospel ship as it goes sailing on. But Christ will wake us up in time to see the achievement. We who have created in the hot harvest fields will be at the door of the garner when the sheaves come in. That work for which in this world we toiled and wept and struggled and wore ourselves out shall not come to consummation and we be oblivious of the achievement. We will be allowed to come out and shake hands with the victors. We who fought in the earlier battles will have just as much right to rejoice as those who reddened their feet in the last Armageddon.

There are people who think Christ will come in person and sit on the throne. Perhaps He may. I should like to see the scared feet going up the stairs of a palace in which all the glories of the Alhambra, and the Taj Mahal, and the St. Mark's, and the Winter palace are gathered. I should like to see the world pay Christ in love for what it did to him in maltreatment. I should like to be one of the grooms of the chargers, holding the stirrups as the King mounts. Oh! what a glorious time it would be on earth if Christ would break through the heavens, and right here where He has suffered and died have this prophecy fulfilled: "Unto Him shall the gathering of the people be." But failing in that, I bargain to meet you at the ponderous gate of Heaven on the day when our Lord comes back. Garlands of all nations on His brow—the bronzed nations of the north—Europe, Asia, Africa, North and South America, and the other continent that may arise from the sea, to take the places of their sunken predecessors: Arch of Trajan, Arch of Titus, Arch of Triumphant in the Champs Elysees, all too poor to welcome the King of kings, and Lord of lords, and Conqueror of conquerors in His august arrival. Turn out all Heaven to meet Him. Hang all along the route the flags of earthly dominion, whether decorated with crescent, or star, or eagle, or lion, or coronet. Hang out Heaven's brightest banner, with its one star of Bethlehem and blood-streaks of the cross. I hear the procession now. Hark! the tramp of feet, the rumbling of wheels, the clattering of the hoofs, and the shout of the riders. Ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands. Put up in Heaven's library, right beside the complete volume of the world's ruin. The old promise struggling through the ages fulfilled at last: "Unto Him shall the gathering of the people be."

While everlasting ages roll,
Eternal love shall feast their soul,
And scenes of bliss forever new,
Rise in succession to their view.